

May 10, 2026 – Dinamani Newspaper – Tit bits

1. Governor R. V. Arlekar accepted the letter submitted by C. Joseph Vijay staking claim to form the Government in Tamil Nadu, and issued orders appointing him as the Chief Minister. Following this, Vijay will take oath as Chief Minister at a ceremony to be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday (May 10) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai.

(i) The Governor has also directed Vijay to prove his majority for his Government in the Legislative Assembly by May 13.

2. An advanced Agni missile equipped with modern MIRV technology, capable of simultaneously striking and destroying multiple targets with precision, was successfully tested. In a statement released by the Defence Ministry, it said:

(i) MIRV (Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle) technology is an advanced system capable of attacking and destroying targets located in different regions at the same time. The modern Agni missile equipped with this technology was launched successfully from the A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. Multiple missiles were simultaneously tested against different targets positioned across a vast area of the Indian Ocean. The statement added that the success of this first test has significantly enhanced the country's military defence capabilities.

3. The Central Government appointed N. S. Raja Subramani as the new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and Krishna Swaminathan as the new Chief of the Naval Staff.

(i) India's first Chief of Defence Staff, Bipin Rawat, died in a helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu in December 2021. Subsequently, Anil Chauhan assumed office as CDS in September 2022. His tenure ends on the 30th of this month. Following this, the Central Government has appointed Lieutenant General (Retd.) Raja Subramani to the post.

(ii) Raja Subramani, who served in various positions in the Army for more than 40 years, is regarded as an expert in handling Pakistan- and China-related matters. He has led several military operations against terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and against insurgents in Assam. He retired from the Army on July 31 last year while serving as the Vice Chief of the Indian Army. After retirement, he worked as Military Adviser in the National Security Council Secretariat. Although he has now been appointed Chief of Defence Staff, the Defence Ministry stated that he will continue to serve as Military Secretary as well.

(iii) At present, the three armed forces operate under separate commanders. There have been continuous calls for them to function in a coordinated manner under unified leadership. Raja Subramani is said to have been entrusted with implementing this integration process.

(iv) New Chief of Naval Staff:

- The tenure of current Chief of the Naval Staff Dinesh K. Tripathi ends on the 31st of this month. Following this, the Central Government has appointed Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan as the next Chief of the Naval Staff.
- Krishna Swaminathan is currently heading the Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy. He is scheduled to assume office as Chief of the Naval Staff on the 31st. Having joined the Indian Navy on July 1, 1987, he has held several senior positions in the Navy. He has commanded the warships INS Vidyut, INS Vinash, INS Kulish, INS Mysore and the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya. Krishna



Swaminathan, an expert in naval communications and electronic warfare systems, is expected to further accelerate the Government's efforts to modernize the Indian Navy.

- It is noteworthy that both Raja Subramani, appointed as Chief of Defence Staff, and Krishna Swaminathan, appointed as Chief of the Naval Staff, are alumni of the National Defence Academy.

4.The Manimuthar Falls is located in Tirunelveli district.

5.Péter Magyar assumed office as the new Prime Minister of Hungary. In his address, he pledged to work against corruption and strive for political change in the country.

6.India's Sahil Jadhav won the bronze medal in the men's compound category at the Archery World Cup.

(i) The Archery World Cup is being held in Shanghai, China. In the second stage of the men's compound event, Sahil Jadhav defeated Denmark's veteran archer Martin Damsbo by 147-144 to claim the bronze medal.

(ii) Sahil, who is a World University Games champion, secured India's first medal in the tournament. No other Indian player advanced to the medal rounds.

7.Prime Minister Narendra Modi will undertake a two-day visit to the states of Karnataka, Telangana and Gujarat starting Sunday (May 10).

(i) He is expected to participate in events including the inauguration of development projects and the Amrit Mahotsav celebrations marking 75 years of the renovation of the Somnath Temple.

(ii) As part of the first phase of his visit, Prime Minister Modi will travel to Bengaluru, where he will participate in the 45th anniversary celebrations of the Art of Living Foundation. He will also inaugurate a meditation temple constructed by the organization.

(iii) He will then travel to Hyderabad and launch development projects worth ₹9,400 crore, including a new textile park established in Warangal. He will also lay the foundation stone for new highway projects.

(iv) On Sunday night, he will arrive in Jamnagar. On Monday (May 11), he will participate in the Amrit Mahotsav celebrations at the renowned Somnath Temple. According to an official statement, the Prime Minister will also take part in the ceremonial flag-hoisting atop the temple tower.

8.India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met and held talks with Kamla Persad-Bissessar, the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.

(i) Jaishankar is on an official visit to three countries — Jamaica, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. As the final leg of his tour, he arrived in Trinidad and Tobago. In the country's capital, Port of Spain, he met Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar for discussions. During the meeting, both leaders held extensive talks on further strengthening bilateral relations between India and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as on undertaking new projects and initiatives.

9.Suvendu Adhikari took oath as the first Chief Minister from the Bharatiya Janata Party in West Bengal. Five ministers were also sworn in along with him.

(i) In the recently held elections to the 294-member West Bengal Legislative Assembly, the BJP secured power with 207 seats. This brought an end to the 15-year rule of the All India Trinamool Congress.

(ii) This is the first time since India's independence that the BJP has formed a Government in West Bengal.

